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BUTE AND COWAL AREA COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP QUEEN'S HALL, DUNOON - FRIDAY, 5 NOVEMBER 2010 at 10:00 AM.

I enclose herewith items that were market to follow on your agenda pack. Please note there is an additional item at point 14.

SUPPLEMENTARY PACK

- 6. LOCAL PARTNERSHIP HIGHLIGHT AND EXCEPTION REPORTING(Pages 1 - 2)**
- 8. REPORT ON FORWARD TOGETHER 2 SEMINAR(Pages 3 - 6)**
- 14. THE RENEWABLE ENERGY ACTION PLAN (REAP)(Pages 7 - 8)**

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**Argyll and Bute Community Planning
Partnership**

BUTE & COWAL LACPG

Date: 5th November 2010

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Title: Local Partnership Highlight and Exception Reporting

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** The purpose of this paper is to propose a process to enable the integration of relevant Local Partnerships with Local Area Community Planning Groups.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** That the Local Area Community Planning Group acknowledges the importance of existing partnerships and networks in helping achieve Community Planning Outcomes.
- 2.2** That the Local Area Community Planning Group agree to the use of the attached pro-forma to gather information on progress being made on Local Outcomes by relevant Local Partnerships.
- 2.3** That the Local Area Community Planning Group identify which partnerships they would like to submit reports.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1** Local Area Community Planning Groups were established in November 2009 to give voice to local communities in the overall community planning framework.
- 3.2** Local Community Plans have been developed and through local consultation events a number of outcomes and actions have been agreed.
- 3.3** In each LACPG area there are many existing partnerships delivering on CPP Outcomes and a reporting mechanism is required to enable relevant partnerships to report progress and to highlight challenges.
- 3.4** The Local Partnership Highlight and Exception Report format has been developed to enable other partnerships to give detail of how they are helping us achieve not only our local but our overall community planning outcomes.

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Local Partnership Highlight & Exception Report



Network/Partnership	<i>e.g Local Community Safety Forum</i>
Local Area Community Planning Group	<i>e.g Bute and Cowal LACPG</i>
LACPG Outcome	<i>BC03 – People feel strong, safe and secure in their communities (Bute and Cowal)</i>
Activity Summary in Period	
Key Challenges & Actions to Address	
Date	

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**“Forward Together 2” - Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group
Consultation Event Saturday 23rd October 2010.**

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** The first series of community consultations run by Local Community Planning Groups was held in the spring and early summer of 2009, and delivered a successful model for effective community engagement for the Partnership to build on.
- 1.2** This report outlines the second Bute and Cowal Local Area Community Planning Group community consultation event (Forward Together 2,) held in Rothesay Joint Campus on Saturday 23rd October 2010.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** That the Area Community Planning Group note the feedback and outcomes of the Bute and Cowal conference, note that this model is being replicated across Argyll and Bute over a four week period, and consider this format in relation to future events in developing community engagement and consultation for the Community Planning Partnership. The Area Community Planning Group is further requested to note that a full report on the outcomes of the seminar will be provided to the next meeting of the Group, along with any proposals for alteration of the Local Community Plan in light of seminar outcomes.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1** A short life working group came together to plan and organise “Forward Together 2”, and agreed that the aims of the conference would be:-
- To encourage continued community engagement and extend the involvement of local communities in the Local Area Community Planning Group.
 - To communicate and consult on the public sector budget situation, including Argyll and Bute Council’s budget
 - To consult with and obtain the views of community representatives on the proposed Local Area Community Planning Group priorities as a basis for the development of the Local Area Community Plan. This is an ongoing commitment of the CPP to our communities.

- 3.2** The focus of the consultation day was two workshops, one which looked at the public sector budget situation, and one which looked at the Local Community Plan. Attendees were split into 4 groups, with each group carrying out the same two workshops.
- 3.3** 41 people attended the conference, with approximately 70% of participants representing community and voluntary organisations or individual community reps.
- 3.4** Inspector Gordon Anderson of Strathclyde Police gave the welcome and introduction to the day, outlining briefly the background to Community Planning in Argyll and Bute, the role of the Local Area Community Planning Groups, examples of community planning in action and the need to be realistic given the challenges and constraints partners face.
- 3.5** Jane Fowler, Head of Improvement and Strategic HR with Argyll and Bute Council gave a detailed presentation on the public sector budget situation, specifically in relation to the Argyll and Bute Council budget. Input was also given by Elaine Garmen on the budget challenges facing NHS Highland. Both speakers outlined the challenges being faced, and emphasised that the status quo is not an option. The decision to have input from more than one public sector organisation was deliberate, and was made to emphasise that the budget situation is not one faced by an individual organisation, but is an issue for all organisations and one in which communities have a key role to play in identifying priorities and addressing some of the issues.
- 3.6** Having been made aware of the challenges being faced, participants then took part in 2 workshops. The first asked them to consider the budget information which had been shared, and to then identify services which they felt were high priority and which must have resources focused on them in the future, to identify areas where services should be continued but with limited financial input, areas where costs could be driven down subject to minimum standards being achieved, and things which the public sector could stop doing altogether, ie things we need to do more of, things we need to keep doing to similar levels, things we can reduce, and things we can stop. Outputs from the workshop were collected on flipcharts.
- 3.7** The second workshop then asked participants to carry out the same exercise as workshop 1, but in regard to the priorities and outcomes contained within the Bute and Cowal Local Community Plan, ie to identify things in the Plan, or priorities for the area which should be in the plan, which must be continued/expanded, things which must be maintained, things which should be reduced, and things which should be stopped altogether. Again, output from the workshop was collected on flipcharts.
- 3.8** Feedback from the workshops was then used as the basis for an electronic voting exercise held with the whole group in the afternoon.
- 3.9** Six local community groups were allocated 5 minute slots immediately before and after lunch to highlight how they are meeting the outcomes of the Area Community Plan, and to showcase the local good practise which exists within Community Groups.

3.10 Summary of the electronic voting exercise results:-

Budget Priorities We Need to Do More Of

Economic and business development
Commercial approach to service delivery

Budget Priorities We Need to Maintain at Current Levels

Education Standards
Ferry Services

Budget Priorities We Could Do at Reduced Level.

Reduce costs of overheads
Reduce red tape
Reduce admin costs by outsourcing- feedback on each of these options was about changing the way things are done, rather than actually reducing anything

Budget Priorities We Could Stop Doing Altogether.

Consider school closures (with the strong caveat that consultation procedures need to be very carefully followed)

LACPG Priorities We Need to Do More Of

Initiatives to attract/retain working age population
Effective partnership working

LACPG Priorities We Need to Maintain at Current Levels

Health and well being projects
Town Centre Developments- CHORD

LACPG Priorities We Could Do at Reduced Level

Reduce resources targeting speeding drivers

LACPG Priorities We Could Stop Doing Altogether

Neighbourhood Watch
Health Living Initiative

In regard to specific issues/questions which had been raised through the workshops, voting on these was as follows.

Would You Pay More For Library Services?

Yes	58%
No	42%

Would You Pay More For Cemetery Services

Yes 51%
No 49%

Should the Third Sector or a Trust Deliver Leisure Services?

Yes 84%
No 16%

Should all Services be Cut by the Same Percentage?

Yes 18%
No 82%

It should be noted that this report is a **preliminary** summary of identified priorities, and there is a substantial amount of detailed workshop information which is currently being collated and analysed. Each of the headings above can be further divided into geographical areas for closer analysis and comparisons.

- 3.11 The participant's evaluation was very positive with 85% being either very satisfied or quite satisfied with the day.
- 3.12 Funding to support the conference was accessed through Working and Learning Together (WALT) and was key to tackling barriers to participation such as transport, childcare etc.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 The information and feedback from all of the planned conferences will be submitted to the CPP Management Committee in December to help inform the budget setting process of partner organisations, and detailed feedback will be taken to the next meeting of the Bute and Cowal Area Community Planning Group to influence the development of the Area Community Plan and local service delivery.

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Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership**Management Committee**
Date: 8 September 2010

Title: REAP – sub group update

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Renewable Energy Action Plan (REAP), which was approved by the CPP on the 16 June, was developed from a key action in the Argyll and Bute Community Plan 2009-2013 in order to facilitate a co-ordinated partnership approach to renewable development in Argyll and Bute. In light of the implications on public sector resources from the onshore requirement from off shore wind and marine renewables the management committee recommended the establishment of a sub-group to look specifically at these implications.
- 1.2 The group met on the 20 July and discussions centred around the links with REAP, responsibilities of partners, infrastructure issues, communications and the potential impact on existing service provision and resources.
- 1.3 We have the opportunity to work in a proactive manner with the key developers to ensure that we are in a position to influence the outcome.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Management Committee agree to the planning and delivery of a CPP consultation event with the off shore wind developers and marine consenting authority, Marine Scotland, to take place on the 10 February 2011 following the CPP full partnership meeting.
- 2.2 In advance of the meeting on the 10 February 2011 the Management Committee consent to the sub group approaching the CPP thematic groups and Local Area Community Planning Groups requesting that they give consideration to the questions that should be asked and issues that should be raised at the consultation event.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 As partners will be aware there are significant renewable development proposals coming forward in our area. Argyll and Bute has three proposed off shore windfarm sites, the Argyll Array,

off Tiree, being the largest consisting of anywhere between 300 and 500 turbines and having a capacity to generate enough power for 1,000,000 households (1.8GW). These developments can only be described as transformational projects given their scale and potential impact on our communities. In addition the recent Scottish Government Saltire Prize Scoping study proposed a number of wave and tidal sites within Argyll and Bute which may well form part of a future Scottish commercial wave and tidal leasing round by the Crown Estate. Scottish Power Renewables are also proposing a 10MW tidal device in the Sound of Islay with an application due to be submitted to Marine Scotland in the near future. If consent is given for this later this year and further testing in Orkney is successful in 2011 then the ten tidal turbines would be manufactured in 2012 and installed in 2013. This is likely to be a world-leading development and would help to put Islay and Argyll at the centre of the marine renewables industry.

- 3.2** There could well be implications on public sector resources from the on shore requirements associated with these off shore wind and marine renewable developments however we are still at an early stage in the development of these projects, with construction not anticipated to start until 2015 at the earliest. There is therefore still an opportunity to proactively engage with the developers and to discuss the implications and influence the outcome. It was for this reason that the sub group was established.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1** The Renewable Energy sector has the potential to fundamentally and positively transform the economy and communities of Argyll and Bute. The scale of the off shore developments as well as potential future wave and tidal developments that are being considered for Argyll and Bute are significant and could be described as transformational projects in their own right. However, it is critical that the CPP partners work with the developers and key stakeholders at a local and national level to ensure that these developments happen in a sustainable and co-ordinated manner, that we are all fully aware of the implications, including public sector resource implications, and requirements and the optimal benefits for our communities are secured. In order to achieve this outcome there is a need to proactively engage with the developers to ensure that we minimise the impact on our limited resources but maximise the benefit to our communities..

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